

SELMER HIGH SCHOOL

WILL OPEN

Tuesday, September 7, 1920

On Tuesday, September 7, the Selmer High School will open the session of 1920-21.

We are expecting this year to be the best in the history of the school. Our young people armed with the advantages offered in our school, may prepare themselves for the great realities of life. We offer a system of elementary school as good as the best, taught by experienced teachers. In addition we offer a four-year high school course in a first-class high school recognized by the State Department.

Tuition is free to any boy and girl in the county. Just think, a nine months' free school, for all! Our aim is to give the pupils a thorough mastery of those branches that will be of practical use to them when they leave the school room to take up a life's work.

All the teachers of the Selmer High School are experienced teachers, and they have attended the best colleges and universities of the land.

All pupils are expected to bring their report cards to show his promotion, otherwise he may remain in the grade of last session. No one is to buy books until enrolled and directed to do so by the teachers. Bring tablet and pencil.

On account of condition of the school building, the public is not asked to attend the opening. When the addition is completed, we expect to have our formal opening and invite the public.

We ask, we insist, we urge, the people of Selmer to take care of the pupils who want to come here to school.

We earnestly urge that you start your boy or girl to school the first day. A few days missed in the beginning can never be made up.

Don't forget the day of the opening, Tuesday, September 7, at 8:30 a. m.

Catalogs for the school may be had for the asking. For further information, address

W. G. ROBINSON, Principal
Selmer, Tenn.

A failure to sell municipal bonds for college improvement purposes will not hinder the progress of the work, so we are informed.

The miscreants who are fooling with and injuring private and public property around town at night will feel very uncomfortable one of these mornings in the hands of the officers of the law.

It looks like at \$165.00 a mile for the survey of these county roads, that the engineers are getting enough to justify them in giving attention to all the proposed routes, so that in the end the best one can be selected. It certainly was not intended to give \$165 a mile for every route looked at and measured. This applies, as we understand it, to the route that is finally accepted. It will cost approximately ten thousand dollars to make these preliminary surveys, and they ought to be made right or not at all.

There is one very strong objection that can be urged against these proposed location of routes, that is in leaving the old roads and taking to the woods. That would be all right if these woods furnished the better ground for the road. We fail to see any economy in such a course, and fail to see where the public gets any benefit. These old roads belong to the county, and nothing will have to be spent for a right-of-way. The road should be straightened, of course, cut off short turns, bends, and the like, but to leave the old road and light out through woods, and over rocks, and everywhere, and then come out at the end of a route longer than the one you left, is what one cannot quite understand.

Jersey Ringle Will Fly at State Fair

It was unfortunate that Lieut. Locklear, the great stunt aviator, lost his life while flying at night in California and his loss is a great calamity to the world of aviation.

While the Tennessee State Fair was deprived of the services of Lieut. Locklear, the management has engaged Jersey Ringle, who is the superior of any other aviator now before the public. Ringle and his flying circus will be on hand to open the State Fair. This will be a great day in the history of Tennessee. It will be "American Legion Day," and the veterans of the world war are going to assemble at the State Fair Grounds for a big reunion.

The Tennessee State Fair of 1920 will be the best in the South. All railroads entering Nashville will sell reduced round-trip tickets for Fair week.

Remember the dates, September 20th to 25th, inclusive. It's THE ONE BIG EVENT.

Acton Items

Lew McCarter, living on the Corinth and Purdy road, was in Acton Monday.

Hubert Farris and Miss Ethel Sergeant and Guy Barnett and Miss Bessie Morgan were married near here recently.

W. M. Miller is visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. David North.

Misses Kate and Donnie Timbleck were visiting at Wenesoga last week.

Sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Dora Thomas and Mildred Billings this week.

Mrs. Leora Farris of Guys is visiting her parents, C. M. Bowers.

Miss Ella Moore of New Hope was the guest of relatives here last week.

Grady Marlar from Kendrick was the guest of relatives near Acton last week.

Dr. Sanders and Mr. Elam of Stantonville were business callers here Saturday afternoon.

Carl and Earl Howell of Stantonville were guests of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Lena Woodis and children recently spent a few days in the Farmington community.

J. M. Dickerson and wife were

the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brice.

E. B. Simpkins and wife were visiting J. T. Williams and family Sunday.

Dr. John J. Abernathy and daughter, Miss Francis, returned Sunday from Adamsville where they went in response to a call from the doctor's brother, Dr. H. Abernathy, stating the serious illness of his baby. The child in some way came in contact with kerosene, which it drank, and at once made it very sick. Dr. Jno. J. reports the child as better.

Bethel Springs

Jake Reeder and wife of Ramer were recent guests of Bethel Springs friends.

Jno. B. Ammons of St. Louis is visiting his father and grandmother here.

Miss Willie Deaton is visiting relatives at Martin.

Paul Jones, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is getting along nicely.

Miss Eliza Ellis spent a day recently with W. D. Hendrix and family.

The Baptist meeting is going on here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Deaton recently visited her mother, Mrs. Carroll, near Finger.

Miss Helen Mae Rainey, the primary teacher, is here ready to begin her school work.

John Daniel Wilson has entered school at Purdy. We all wish him success.

Arlie Robinson and family have returned home from Memphis after a visit to Mrs. Robinson's brother, Oscar Cude.

J. L. Hendrix and son have returned from a business trip to Nashville. Mrs. Hendrix is visiting in Memphis.

Ewing Cobb, who has been out west, has returned home.

Our school begins the first Monday in September. The public is cordially invited to attend the opening exercises.

Gravelhill

Revs. Penick and Evans of Jackson closed the meeting here Saturday with six additions to the church, all young folks in their teens.

Mrs. Sanders, daughter of the late Bud Farris, died at her home near the State line Saturday, and her remains were brought here for burial Sunday. Rev. Maxedon of Selmer conducting the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Pen of Kentucky are visiting J. N. Hamm and other relatives here.

Misses Pearl and Eula McCoy are visiting relatives in Florence, Ala., this week.

J. A. Armstrong will soon complete his residence.

Repair work will begin on the church building this week.

We are sorry to see any contention arise over the location of the roads through the county and hope reports circulating are not true. If they are, and the roads are laid out purposely to benefit individuals, the people have the right to rise up and demand a square deal.

Selmer Circuit Conference

The third Quarterly Conference of Selmer Circuit is to be held at New Hope Tuesday, Sept. 7. Come and be with us.

Chas. O. Frey, Pastor.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my brother, James G. Brown, who passed away July 26, 1920.

Sleep on, dear brother:
Your work is o'er,
You willing hands
Shall toil no more.
On earth there's grief,
In heaven there's rest.
We miss you most
Who loved you best.

—Ed. A. Brown.

Come in first Monday and subscribe for the Independent and Commercial Appeal, \$1.65 a year

SAND BOX

We are without a printer in the Independent shop now, and will do the best we can under the circumstances to publish all the news we can possibly handle, but we will not have time to publish the comical pieces which happen to be sent us. Work on the additions to the Selmer college is going rapidly on, and school will begin Tuesday, September 7.

J. R. Gooch has moved to town and has begun to give his personal attention to the various enterprises that help out. He is a live wire, and a great help to any community. This week would easily pass for October weather, especially the cool evenings. The women are now entitled to vote and the runaway members of the Tennessee legislature who opposed the ratification of the measure can come on back from their foolish trip. The people of Selmer are entitled to all they pay for, but if we hope to have electric lights, we can't expect them for nothing. If it takes speed bumps to slow down cars on Court avenue, let's put in a few, for the town authorities don't take any notice of cars violating the law by running at a dangerous rate up and down the streets of Selmer.

Selmer still has a box car for a depot, but we understand the company will soon begin building a depot which will meet the requirements of the town. We don't hear much now "dope" on the road question, but 'tis said the engineers are surveying the north and south route through the county. Watermelons at fancy prices are in Selmer every day. We might as well expect to use the old roads the rest of the year, for no one seems to know when the real roads are to be begun. Ramer and Bethel letters in this issue will give you an idea of the only kind of a letter we will publish hereafter. These are real news letters, and none of the "funny" stuff is in the Acton letters either. For the comical ideas, see the "funny-side" of the Sunday dailies.

The light is not under direct-

ating the plant as a patriotic citi-
ture now. Mr. Haynes is oper-
ion of C. L. Haynes seems a fix-
izen, wanting to help the town
and community. We should give
him all encouragement. A
number of boarding students are
trying to get boarding places in
Selmer, and to have a successful
school, it will be necessary for
our citizens see that out-of-town
secure boarding places. We
are having all the work we can
handle to get out a paper and
keep up with job printing, but
think by working nights, we'll
be able to get the Independent
to you on time. We are told
every day what to publish in the
Independent, some of which is
published but if we were to pub-
lish all the "free stuff" handed
us, we wouldn't continue in the
printing game long, but we are
glad to print any real news item,
and will appreciate anything you
may care to send in, but the only
free space we have is reserved
for items which will be of the
greatest interest to our readers.

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The Corinthian seems to get
inside "dope" on road routes in
McNairy county. The people of
this county can't learn anything
about the road proposition, but
they will pay the cost of survey-
ing routes which are not at all
satisfy the majority of taxpayers

...The high schools throughout
the county will soon be in session
and everyone should stand solid